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- ☒ A return postcard.
- ☒ A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.), Form 1449 (1 pg.), and copies of 5 cited references.
- ☒ PCT Search Report (7 pgs.).

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1) and 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), Applicants state that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the Partial International Search Report is enclosed herewith.

It is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a final action under §1.113, a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement considered.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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